



VolunteerBloomington!

QUOTE OF THE WEEK: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it is dressed in overalls and looks like work." ~ Thomas Edison

March 18, 2015

Bloomington Girls Softball Player Evaluation Day - April 4

The Bloomington Girls Softball League offers levels of play ranging from tee ball to fastpitch for players ages 4-15 years. On Player Assessment Day, which will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on April 4, ten volunteers will step up to the plate and assist staff with player evaluation and team placement. Players will be evaluated on their throwing, fielding, hitting, and catching abilities, then assigned to a team. Volunteers assist with running stations and evaluating players. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Kim Ecenbarger, Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department, at (812) 349-3739 or ecenbark@bloomington.in.gov. (www.bloomington.in.gov/parks)

Teachers Warehouse

Teachers Warehouse receives donations of educational supplies from businesses and individuals and organizes them in their facility so MCCSC and R-BB teachers can select items for their kindergarten through sixth grade classrooms. You can support Teachers Warehouse in a variety of ways, including sorting, shelving, and displaying inventory, assisting teachers, inventory control and general housekeeping. Professional volunteer positions include public relations, grant writing and web development. Minimum age is 18. Please contact Martha Hilderbrand at martha.hilderbrand@gmail.com. (www.bloomingtonrotary.org/about-924/teachers-warehouse/)

Community Orchard Work & Learn Days

The Bloomington Community Orchard depends on the vision and generosity of community volunteers of all ages, abilities, and experience! Starting on Sat., April 4, the orchard will hold weekly Sat. work and learn days. Sessions in April and May will be from 1-4 p.m., sessions from June through Aug. will be from 5-8 p.m., and those from Sept. through Nov. will be from 1-4 p.m. Each workday focuses on weeding, mulching, pruning, or general maintenance of the nearly 100 diverse fruit trees and plants. Workdays are open house style - volunteers join in when they are able, with no need to pre-register. Volunteers are welcome to bring food or drinks to share on occasion. Minimum age is 16, unless with an adult. Please contact Stephen Hale at (812) 334-0922 or operations@bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org. (www.bloomingtoncommunityorchard.org)

Cat Care at Brown County Animal Shelter

Every morning at the Brown County Humane Society, staff and volunteers clean the cat condos, replace litter, and supply new blankets, toys, food, water and any necessary medication. Along the way, there are plenty of cuddles, pets, and laughs, and it's an essential part of facilitating successful adoptions. Volunteers must be able to bend, reach, kneel and lift. Volunteers commit to one regular morning shift per week, or every other week. Minimum age is 15. Please contact Erika Imhoof at (812) 988-7362 or volunteer@bchumane.org. (www.bchumane.org)

Training for New CASA Child Advocates - Deadline April 6

Court Appointed Special Advocates change the lives of abused and neglected children by representing their best interests in court. CASAs come from all walks of life, do not have to be lawyers or social workers, and are well-supported after completing 33 hours of training. Volunteers monitor the child's health and education, assist with identifying the child's best interests, and submit recommendations to the court. Over 40 children involved in the court system are waiting for a caring adult! Applications will be accepted until April 6 for the next training, which will be from April 20 to May 11 on Mon., Tues. and Thurs. from 9 a.m. to noon. The average time commitment is 10-15 hours per month. Reliable transportation and daytime flexibility are necessary. More information and an application can be found at <http://monroecountycasa.org/faqs>. Minimum age is 21. Please contact Kelli Shannon at (812) 333-2272 ext. 11 or kelli.shannon@monroecountycasa.org. (www.monroecountycasa.org/volunteer)

Community Wish List Spotlight

WildCare

Provides professional care to sick, injured, and orphaned wildlife in Indiana. To grant a wish, contact Lane Vargas at info@wildcareinc.org or (812) 323-1313. (198 N. Hartstrait; www.wildcareinc.org)

Wishes: bird seed, Purina dog/cat chow, laptop computer, desktop computer, gift cards for groceries, laundry detergent, washer/dryer, paper towels, bleach, hardware cloth, riding lawn mower, printer paper, fax/scanner/printer

Use the Community Wish List to start a drive within your school, faith community or other group or take the list along shopping and add a few extra items to your cart. It WILL make a difference to those served by this organization.

The City of Bloomington Volunteer Network is your source for information about volunteering locally. For a complete listing, visit bloomington.in.gov/volunteer or call 349-3433. The inclusion of an organization in this list does not imply City endorsement or support of the organization's activities or policies.

